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The Honorable Adam Smith Chairman Committee on Armed Services U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Mike Rogers Ranking Member Committee on Armed Services U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Rogers:

I am requesting funding for Camp Garfield Unpaved Assault Runway Construction in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station, located at 3976 King-Graves Road, Vienna, OH 44473.

The funding would be used for Camp James A. Garfield (formerly Camp Ravenna) is an Ohio Army National Guard (OANG) training site located in Portage and Trumbull counties. The installation consists of approximately 21,000 acres with various small arms weapons ranges and permanent facilities to support individual and collective training events for both weekend and annual training. Major infrastructure improvements like this are helping turn Camp Garfield into a world-class training center for the Army, National Guard and other DOD units in the Midwestern United States making it a regional training destination. Among the recent improvements there are a Fire and Movement Range, and the current construction of an Automated Record Fire Range. Camp Garfield also features Training Aids, Devices, Simulators and Simulations (TADSS), state of the art digital training equipment that allows for realistic combat training without the logistical challenges of live-fire ranges. An unpaved assault runway would allow additional seasonal scheduled use by entire units who could train for the assault certification and other maneuvers at the facility. Enhancing the long-term usability of the facility is a fundamental goal of this request. Investments in expanding the footprint and training resources at Camp Garfield will enable it to become an economic driver for the region, beyond its current impact of approximately \$30 million annually.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Anthony Gonzalez

Member of Congress